GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL RESERVES IN MAHANADI
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed for exploitation of oil in Mahanadi basin;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far towards the exploration work there?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SH. SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b):- Government has signed contracts with different companies for three blocks in Mahanadi basin for exploration of oil & gas under the first round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). The details are as under:-

Name of block	Area (sq km)	Awardee Co.
Offshore		
MN-OSN-97/3	5420	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL).
Deep water		
MN-DWN-98/2	9605	Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and Niko Resources, Canada.
MN-DWN-98/3	10005	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC).

(c) Preparatory activities prior to commencement of exploration work in the respective blocks have been initiated by the awardee companies.